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- 25X1 1. On 30 October 1952, VP telephone lines on Ruegen Island included lines: between Prora and Eggesin, Rostock, Pasewalk, Primernwald, Lietzow, Sassnitz and Bergen; between Bergen and Stralsund, Rostock, Sassnitz, Lohme, Lietzow, Glowe, Binz, Trent, Witte, Ruden, Wieck, Putbus, Lauterbach, Dranske, Arkona and Sellin; between Sassnitz and Rostock and Stralsund; Sagard and Berlin; Stubbenkammer and Berlin; Dornbusch and Stralsund; and between Putbus and Goehren.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 11 November 1952, the first seven-story barracks building in Prora, which had a length of 450 meters, was completed and quartered units of the Soviet Army. Three other buildings of this size were still under construction. Fifty percent of the workers were VP personnel of camp Prora who had been organized into special brigades. The -Ps were still quartered in tents. Their poor quartering conditions allegedly caused so much illness that the hospitals could not handle all cases and that sick personnel was continuously sent home.
3. [ ] a VP unit would occupy the following barracks building upon completion of the building. [ ] all other buildings in the former Kraft durch Freude (KDF) resort would likewise be occupied so that VP units and Soviet units would be quartered side by side.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 4. On 10 November, [ ] a platoon of about 50 VPs receive drill in a heavy rain under the command of an officer who wore the new uniform. Another officer standing by his side wore the old blue uniform. [ ] the latter was a Russian.
- 25X1 5. In late November 1952, personnel of VP units stationed on Ruegen Island wrote to dependents that the III Armeekorps with the 2d and 4th Division in a total strength of about 20,000 men was stationed in Prora. They stated that the soldiers were now quartered in permanent quarters and alternately engaged in training and work. They said that, under supervision of Soviet officers, they received infantry training, and training on light and heavy weapons including T 34 tanks, guns of 20 to 280-mm caliber including AT guns and rocket launchers. They specifically mentioned the hard work they had to do when operating the 280-mm gun.<sup>3</sup>

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6. Color patches worn by VPs in Bergen during off-duty hours were: deep red, almost shading into violet; black; dark-blue bordered black; dark-blue; medium-blue; and light blue. Three captains who wore wings on their collar patches and allegedly belonged to the new air force had light blue service color. [ ] dark-blue bordered black collar patches belonged to tank troops and that the medium-blue collar patches belonged to motorcycle units.<sup>4</sup>
- 25X1 7. [ ] in late November, that construction material, chiefly cement, lumber and bricks, was shipped in quantity to Dranske, Burg, Glowe and Tilzow. The project in Tilzow allegedly was the reconstruction of the former German ammunition depot. The last bunkers of this depot had been blown up in August 1952. [ ] artillery ammunition, sea mines and V 1 and V 2 missiles had been stored there prior to the end of the war.
- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. It is believed that the telephone lines between Prora and Pasewalk and Eggesin are for the division in Prora and the Armeegruppe Nord in Pasewalk. Other lines are in existence between Eggesin and Pasewalk. [ ], paragraph 2. The lines between Prora and Rostock and Primerwald probably serve to connect the division in Prora and the KVPD in Rostock and/or the tank school in Primerwald.
- 25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The information fails to indicate the pin-point location of the barracks buildings. [ ] part of the new constructions would be occupied by Soviet troops stationed in the area of Prora. [ ]. It is doubted, that they should be quartered as indicated. It had been believed that the Soviet troops would be quartered by themselves in the northern section of the installation and that the VP would be stationed in the southern section.
- 25X1 3. [ ] Comment. This is the first information to indicate a IIId Armeekorps with subordinate 2d and 4th Div on Ruegen Island. Only the division in Prora had been known. The indicated strength of about 20,000 men checks, however, with available data and would permit the establishment of two divisions. No 280-mm guns were previously observed with the VP.
- 25X1 4. [ ] Comment. Previous observations indicated that the infantry had red service color, the tank and mechanized troops had black-bordered blue service color, the artillery had red-bordered black service color and the engineer had blue-bordered black service color. No previous information indicated a special service color for motorcycle units.

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